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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA - AGENDA ITEM 59: ISRAELI PARTICIPATION  
IN HABITAT

REF: (A) USUN 5182; (B) USUN 5245

1. THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH  
VARIOUS SECOND COMMITTEE REPS (CANADA, ISRAEL, ITALY,  
EGYPT, UK AND IRAN) AS WELL AS HABITAT SECRETARY-GENERAL  
PENALOSA. WHILE NO ONE CAN BE CERTAIN, THERE IS HOPE  
THAT THE LIBYAN QUESTIONING OF ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN  
HABITAT WILL NOT GET OFF THE GROUND. REPORTEDLY, ARAB REPS  
HAD A STORMY SESSION OVER THIS ISSUE BUT IN THE END AGREED  
TO GO ALONG WITH THE "ALL STATES" FORMULATIONS FOR  
INVITATIONS AS CONTAINED IN THE CANADIAN DRAFT TRANSMITTED  
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REFTEL (A). (PENALOSA HAD ORIGINALLY ASKED THEM TO FLOOR

MANAGE THE RESOLUTION, BUT THEY DECLINED SO AS NOT TO APPEAR AS PROPOSING ISRAELI PARTICIPATION.) IT IS THOUGHT THAT TWO OTHER ARAB RADICALS MAY JOIN THE LIBYAN RHETORIC (POSSIBLY IRAQ AND SYRIA) BUT THAT THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL EFFORT TO CHANGE THE CANADIAN DRAFT RES. ON THIS POINT.

2. AS IN THE PAST, PENALOSA HAS BEEN DOING HIS BEST TO STIFFLE THIS ISSUE. RATHER THAN RESPOND FROM THE FLOOR, HE MET PRIVIATELY WITH THE LIBYAN "TO ANSWER" THE QUESTIONS THEY HAD DIRECTED AT THIM. HE HAS TOLD US THAT IF NECESSARY, HE WILL MAKE A STATEMENT AT THE END OF THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM SIMPLY NOTING THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL HABITAT CONFERENCES (CALLING FOR THE NON-PARTICIPATION OF ISRAEL) WERE MADE AVAILABEL TO DELEGATES BUT THE QUESTIO NOW BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IS THE CANADIAN DRAFT. PENALOSA HAS ALSO BEEN URGING THE ISRAELI DEL TO LAY LOW SO AS NOT TO AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION. (AS OF C.O.B. OCTOBER 22, THE ISRAELI REP HAD AGREED TO DO SO.)

3. THE CANADIANS STILL BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE INFORMAL APPROVAL FROM THE ARABS FOR THEIR DRAFT RES. IN ITS PRESENT FORM. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 23 (MIGHT BE PUSHED BACK TO OCTOBER 24) AND WILL INTRODUCE THEIR DRAFT AT THAT TIME. THEY HAVE ALSO PROPOSED TO OTTAWA THAT IN THEIR STATEMENT, THEY RESPOND TO THE LIBYAN QUESTION SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO THEM. PRESUMABLY, THIS WILL BASICALLY COVER THE QUESTION OF GOC POLICY ON VISAS FOR PLO REPS.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WE DO NOTPLAN TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN HABITAT IN OUR GENERAL STATEMENT (SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 23). IF THE ISSUE TAKES ON LIFE, HOWEVER, WE CAN AND WILL COMMENT IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE CANADIAN RES. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE STAYING IN CLOSE LEVEL WITH KEY CONTACTS AND WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.  
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